

House Resolution 1545

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Day of the 163rd, Lunsford of the 110th, Lewis of the 15th, Wix of the 33rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol and recognizing March 16, 2006, as Civil
2 Air Patrol Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of
4 volunteers dedicated to assisting the United States military in national defense by performing
5 aerial coastal patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943, this organization was recognized as vital to national defense, and by
7 a Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was assigned to the War Department; and

8 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was subsequently chartered by Congress in May, 1948, as
9 the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force to perform three distinct missions:
10 emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

11 WHEREAS, today, the Civil Air Patrol remains an intricate component of our national
12 defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counterdrug, disaster relief, and search
13 and rescue; and

14 WHEREAS, its air and ground teams perform approximately 95 percent of inland search and
15 rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

16 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol conducts a challenging and successful cadet program that
17 enables young people between the ages of 12 and 21 to develop leadership skills through a
18 multistep program that encompasses aerospace education, leadership training, physical
19 fitness, and moral leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol is comprised of over 1,600 members
21 in 36 squadrons located throughout the state; and

1 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol provide this state with
2 emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs, among many other
3 contributions to Georgia.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend the unselfish and valiant service of the volunteers of the
6 Civil Air Patrol and recognize March 16, 2006, as Civil Air Patrol Day at the Capitol.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Wing of the
9 Civil Air Patrol.